



# PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

**CR-101 (June 2004)**

(Implements RCW 34.05.310)  
Do NOT use for expedited rule making

Agency: Department of Agriculture

Subject of possible rule making: WAC 16-303-340 Seed certification fees for buckwheat, chickpea, field pea, lentil, millet, soybean, sorghum and small grains.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 15.49.310, RCW 15.49.370(3) and Chapter 34.05 RCW

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: Proposal is in response to industry request to increase seed certification fees within the fiscal growth rate factor for buckwheat, chickpea, field pea, lentil, millet, soybean, sorghum and small grains. The fee increases will cover current costs of operating the portion of the seed certification program delegated by the Director to the Washington Crop Improvement Association.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:  
None

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- ☐ Negotiated rule making  
☐ Pilot rule making  
☐ Agency study  
☒ Other (describe) In response to a request from the seed industry and the Board of Directors of the Washington State Crop Improvement Association, WSDA staff will develop the rule proposal. In turn, industry representatives and the WSCIA board of directors will review and comment on the proposed rule amendments. Interested parties can participate in the public hearing/public comment process, the dates of which will be announced when the department files the rule proposal with the Code Reviser.

How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:

(List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.)

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